

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 39**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Beall and Torlakson**

March 25, 2010

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39—Relative to common core state education standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 39, as introduced, Beall. Common core state education standards.

This measure would call upon the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to develop common core state standards in the core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science and request that they replicate the process used to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core state standards to now develop common core state standards for social studies and science.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Public schools were purposely created to prepare  
2 young people to become educated, responsible, participating  
3 citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The common core state standards initiative is a  
5 significant and historic opportunity for states to collectively  
6 accelerate and drive education reform toward the ultimate goal of  
7 all pupils graduating from high school ready for college, work,  
8 and success in the global economy; and

9 WHEREAS, All pupils across our great nation deserve to have  
10 access to high quality social studies and science education that  
11 will provide them with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to

1 become responsible and informed citizens with a strong curiosity  
2 of the physical world around them; and

3 WHEREAS, Each new generation of pupils must be equipped  
4 with the knowledge of history, geography, economics, and  
5 government, skills needed to make informed decisions about  
6 complex public issues, attitudes that support democratic practices,  
7 commitment to engage in civic life, a strong understanding of the  
8 physical world, including biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy  
9 and physics, and a firm grasp of the scientific method of discovery;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
12 *California, jointly*, That the California State Legislature, to ensure  
13 the future of America and our democratic institutions, calls upon  
14 the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State  
15 School Officers to develop common core state standards in the  
16 core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics,  
17 history-social science, and science; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the National Governors Association and Council  
19 of Chief State School Officers replicate the process used to develop  
20 English-language arts and mathematics common core state  
21 standards to now develop common core state standards for social  
22 studies and science.

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the President and Vice president of the United  
25 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
26 majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
27 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
28 States.